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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Neil PURDIE et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Introductory Comments

This paper is submitted in response to the Examiner's Office action mailed June 26, 2003. **An extension of time for one (1) month is required. Please consider this paper to constitute a Petition for Extension of time for one (1) month. Please charge the fee for the Extension of Time in the amount of \$55.00 to Deposit account 06-0540.**

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the following amendments, which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.